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"All things come to them that wait, providing they hustle while they wait."—Charles W. Anderson. "Get out of our sunshine."—R. H. Boyd.

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BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

CONVENED IN CHATTANOOGA FOR FIVE DAYS, JULY 23-28.

Most Enthusiastic Meeting in Its History.

SUPREME EFFORT TO RAISE \$5,000 FOR REBUILDING ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY—TENNESSEE BAPTISTS HAVE DONE THEMSELVES CREDIT BY THEIR MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE.

A Globe reporter set out this week to make some little inquiry concerning the Negro Baptists of Tennessee. It will be remembered by the readers of the Globe that some months after the destruction of Roger Williams University by fire, the Globe by one of its reporters, sounded the alarm or warning that the insurance money of this institution would be collected and probably the property sold and the institution would not be built upon the same basis as it was before. It also warned the trustees that in case this was done, the youngest members of that board would hardly live long enough to redeem themselves from the contempt of the people of Tennessee. However, after a careful examination into the legal status, it was found that Roger Williams as a university, a school or a corporation, never owned a dollar's worth of property. All property, furniture, buildings and everything in the name of Roger Williams belonged in fee simple to the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York. Hence it was their privilege to dispose of it at will and use the proceeds at pleasure. The trustees, therefore, are exonerated from any blame, for they never had legal or equitable rights according to contract.

The American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, however, made a proposition to the Baptists of Tennessee, that if they desired to rebuild the school as a Negro Baptist school, this society would give them a site and \$15,000 in money on condition that the Negroes of Tennessee would raise \$10,000. The Negroes of Tennessee entertained some doubts after they found that they had lost what they supposed they once had. Hence no great effort was made, it seems, to raise this \$10,000. However, the failure of the Olympic Park Company and the forced sale of their beautiful grounds and buildings, aroused the friends of Roger Williams University and an effort was made to secure the same. While this ground and improvements was involved at \$20,000, it was found that under this forced cash sale, it could be had for \$10,000. A representative of the American Baptist Home Mission Society was sent for and a proposition was made to this society by the Baptists of Tennessee, that if they (the American Baptist Home Mission Society) would pay \$5,000 on the grounds, the Negro Baptists of Tennessee would pay \$5,000 for the improvements. This proposition was accepted by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the state Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptists placed a forfeit of \$500.00 with the receiver of the Olympic Park Company until August 1.

The Negro Baptists having just thirty days in which to work, set out like Trojans. When the convention convened in Chattanooga on Wednesday last it was apparent on the face of every member that the long-sleeping, easy-going Baptists of Tennessee had been for once aroused and they were there for business. As the leaders of this convention had been accustomed to being carried in the arms of the Home Mission Society for all of these years, it was predicted far and wide that the \$5,000 would never be raised in so short a time. But the men, women, and even children, were aroused over the proposition. There seemed to be two incentives. The first incentive was to save the \$5,000 offered by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and own the school. The second incentive was to save the \$500 forfeit

money already put up. With these two incentives all energies were blended and every effort was made to secure the needed \$5,000.

As best the Globe man could learn at the close of this meeting when the figures were counted, the executive board had in hand four thousand one hundred and some odd dollars. This seemed to have been done with ease. Men and women congratulated themselves that the Baptists could work when they had a cause to work for. It is indeed surprising that while the Baptists of Tennessee were making an effort to raise this special \$5,000 for this one educational project, not one of their other educational missionary enterprises was to go unprovided for. The Globe man has it from good authority that the Negro Baptists of Tennessee have done more for missions this year than any other previous year. For instance, it is learned from one of the leaders of the women's department that last year the ladies made a special effort to raise missionary money and only raised \$200 in their session. This year it was argued that Roger Williams instead would absorb all efforts and that no money would be raised for missions. To the surprise of all, it was found when the treasurer handed in the report, that while the women had raised something like \$250 in their session for Roger Williams, they also had on hand something over \$250 for missions, thus showing that the effort to raise educational money increased the missionary donation. What is true of the women's department was true with the convention proper, for the superintendent of missions reported that he alone had raised over \$2,000 this year for missions, which is the greatest amount ever raised in the history of the convention. It is a good thing that the Negroes are being taught the lesson of self-reliance and self-control. "God always helps those who help themselves."

The great question now arising since the money has been raised is, "To whom will the property belong?" After further investigation and careful inquiry, the Globe reporter has been unable to learn whether or not the board of trustees of Negro Baptists hold this property or not. In fact, there seems to be some dissatisfaction arising already on this point and unless the state executive board appoints a board of trustees of five or more persons, and unless these persons are Negroes, and unless this property is deeded to these Negroes in trust for the Negroes of Tennessee, there is sure to be a stampede. Many of the old Negro Baptists of Tennessee, coming out of slavery, could be easily deceived and easily satisfied, but the young men of to-day standing on the shoulders of the old men who first founded Roger Williams, are able to see further and they are demanding that this property shall be deeded to the Negro Baptists. The people are particularly anxious that three words shall stand out prominently in this conveyance. These three words are first, Negro; second, Baptists; and third, Tennessee. They want that there shall be no mistake, but that this property belongs to the Negro Baptists of Tennessee, their heirs and successors forever.

The Globe reporter sounds the same warning to the executive board of the state convention that the Globe sounded to the Negro trustees of Roger Williams University. If this property is purchased and this conveyance is made and is not made in this manner, it will be useless for them ever to call upon the rank and file of the Baptists of this portion of the state for anything.

The reporter learned further that another great effort is now made by the American Baptist Home Mission Society for the improvement of this already splendid piece of property. That if the Negroes of Tennessee will raise another \$5,000 in cash, the society of New York will turn over to them \$15,000 in cash. This will give them \$20,000 as a starter to put this institution into operation. It appears there will be no trouble now for the Baptists to raise the second \$5,000. Fifty churches and fifty preachers and fifty laymen can come up with \$100 each and the money is raised; or fifty churches with \$50 each, fifty preachers with \$25 each, and fifty laymen with \$25 each will make the amount.

If Rev. Mr. Haynes, who seems to be the leading spirit of the present move, will bestir himself for another twelve months and if the leading Baptists will make him the one Moses or the one Joshua, he can easily lead the Negro Baptists into the promised land that "flows with milk."

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COUNTY SCHOOL TERM 8 MONTHS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION HOLDS AN IMPORTANT SESSION.

Committee of City Board Meets County Board.

MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RENDERED AN IMPORTANT DECISION, WHEREBY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE COUNTRY WILL BE GREATLY BENEFITED IF KEPT IN SCHOOL.

At the meeting of the County Board of Education on Tuesday, an important decision was reached, whereby the school children in the county will be greatly benefited, if the parents see to it that they are kept in school regularly.

A uniform session of eight months was established by the Board to supersede the old arrangement under which the length of the term varied considerably. All of the schools in the county will run the full eight months, unless the attendance should fall off so much that they must necessarily be discontinued. The appointments given out so far show that one school has been abandoned, the Ridge School in the old Twenty-second District.

The salaries as given out show an increase on the whole, though in some cases they were lowered. The tendency of the Board was to lower somewhat the salaries of principals in the schools close to the city, and to raise them on the outskirts of the county. The salaries of the assistants in the various schools will remain about the same, being raised in some cases and lowered in others. The tendency, on the whole, however, was to raise rather than lower salaries.

At the afternoon session of the Board a committee from the City Board of Education met with them and a discussion in regard to the suburban school question was held. Nothing definite was done on this matter, as E. E. Barthell, representing the legal side of the City Board's claim, was not present. An informal discussion of the question was held, but no action was taken by either side. The committee from the City Board was as follows: Supt. H. C. Weber, John H. DeWitt and Dr. Lees.

School Census.

The reports from the school census are all in except from the Fourth District. The census shows a considerable falling off in the number of pupils, due largely, it is said, to the inaccuracies in previous censuses. In the Seventeenth District this year's report shows a decrease of 314; in the Twentieth a loss of 264, and the greatest loss of all in the Twenty-third, where the decrease is 372. The only gain on the list is quite a large one in the Ninth District. The increase in this district in which the Tennessee Industrial School is located, is 862.

Without the Fourth District the total scholastic population is 12,019, against 12,806 of last year. The Fourth District, which will probably show little change one way or the other, had 413 pupils last year. This would bring the total up to 12,432, against 13,219 of last year, or a total loss of 787 in the country districts.

The total of the entire county, including the city, for the year 1906 was 53,586. Taking the estimated population of the city as 42,000 and the county as 12,432, the total would be 54,432, or a gain on the whole of 846. This tends to show that the loss of the county districts is due in some measure to the incorporation of the suburban territory.

THE MAYFIELD CASE GOES TO SUPREME COURT.

The case of R. L. Mayfield, the well-known attorney, now pending in the Criminal Court, has been appealed to the Supreme Court. The case has attracted so much interest and has been the means of putting so many

versions before the public as to the alleged settlement said to have been effected recently that a representative of the Globe looked up the order in the case, so that the facts might be made public. The following is the order entered upon the minutes of the Criminal Court:

State vs. R. L. Mayfield. "Came to the Attorney General, who prosecutes for the state and the defendant in person. Thereupon defendant by attorney withdrew his appeal to the Supreme Court, which was by the Court allowed. Thereupon it was ordered by the court that judgment heretofore entered overruling the defendant's motion is set aside and for nothing held, and the defendant is granted a new trial. Thereupon the Attorney General with the consent of the court, entered a Nolle Prosequi herein upon the payment of full costs. Which was paid."

This, it would seem, is the agreement entered into by Mr. Mayfield and the State of Tennessee, and it appears that there is no stipulation entered into whereby Mr. Mayfield was to leave town. Since he did not leave Nashville, the place where he was born and has lived all of his life, the above order was set aside and the case has gone to the Supreme Court. The many friends of Mr. Mayfield are glad to hear that he has taken this course rather than allow the courts to drive him from the city. It being the opinion of many that such a procedure would be making of the courts an instrument of oppression. The case will be watched with great interest by most of the citizens of Nashville, as Mr. Mayfield has always been outspoken for even-handed justice for our race before the courts of the state. It is hoped that when Mr. Mayfield's case comes before the Supreme Court, this august body will hand down a decision in accordance with the facts in the case from the standpoint of justice and fair play.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Preston Taylor, of Lea Avenue Christian Church, preached to a large and appreciative audience last Sunday morning, the occasion being the thirty-eighth anniversary of his entrance in the Christian ministry. After the preliminary exercises, Elder Taylor announced that "Mindful" was his theme, and took his text from 2 Peter 3:2. He spoke of what a powerful mind God had equipped man with to remember the things which bind us closer to God and humanity; to remember things that are godly—things that are pleasing to God; to remember to do the deeds of charity that we have performed during our lives. He said that he remembered everything he had done in the history of his Christian ministry. Elder Taylor's discourse was a masterly effort and was listened to attentively by the whole congregation. He said that he had tried and would always endeavor to impress upon his congregation the importance of being mindful of our Creator.

The day had been set apart as "rally day," and at the morning service the sum of \$90.01 was raised. The rally will continue through next Sunday.

SOUTH NASHVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The South Nashville District Conference met at Murfreesboro, July 17, with very few in number, but later in the afternoon there was an increase in attendance and the conference was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Mr. Childress. Rev. C. H. Boone was elected Secretary. The names of the officers, preachers, local preachers and delegates were enrolled, after which the conference adjourned until afternoon.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the house reassembled, and after prayer and timely remarks by Rev. G. L. Jackson, the roll was called and the amount collected from each church was reported.

On Friday, July 19, the delegates to the Sunday School Convention took seats inside the bar, and elected Miss Mims, Secretary; assistant secretary, Miss T. Claybrooks; reporter to the Monitor, Miss A. L. Buchanan.

On Friday evening papers were read by Miss S. M. Price, Miss Mims, Miss A. L. Buchanan, Miss Julia Hall, Tabitha Claybrooks, Miss K. Mayberry and Sarah Miller. Mr. M. B. Murray, of Woodbury, delivered an excellent address.

On Sunday there were two interesting sermons by Dr. Denny and Rev. N. Smith.

TWO ENJOYABLE PICNICS

AT BEAUTIFUL GREENWOOD PARK, TUESDAY, JULY 30.

Ideal Day, Happy Children, and Jolly Grownups.

PUPILS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EMPLOYEES OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE, WITH THEIR MANY FRIENDS, HAVE THEIR ANNUAL OUTING.

Tuesday two parties had their annual picnic outings at Greenwood Park. They were respectively the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church, Eighth avenue, North, in charge of its superintendent, Dr. J. B. Singleton, and the employees of the National Baptist Publishing House, under Mr. S. P. Harris, chairman of the general committee of that institution for the occasion.

The two parties were wholly independent of each other, it being a mere incident that they had selected the same date and place for their picnic. But they merged into one jolly, happy gathering, exchanging courtesies each with the other which intensified the pleasures of all. It was beautiful to see these two distinct parties become one happy whole.

The day was a delightful one. The steady and refreshing rain which lasted nearly all of the day before made Tuesday the most ideal one that any picnickers have had this season for their pleasure outing. Cool, refreshing breezes, laden with invigorating and healthful oxygen, romped and frolicked and chased each other over the swells and hills and through the glens and dells of beautiful Greenwood—the one ideal pleasure place for the thousands of colored citizens of this growing city. Everybody seemed to have caught the spirit of the occasion and was joyously happy. Groups of picnickers were scattered here and there over the park. They made beautiful pictures which were nothing less than charming to see. It was a joy to see them passing the time in some merry sport and hear the merry peals of laughter ringing out as some one or the other in the merry groups gained the mastery in game or repartee. Those who watched the gleeful abandon of the children as they enjoyed themselves, whether chasing each other, like the cool zephyrs, across the grassy stretches of the park or disporting themselves upon the wooden horses of the merry-go-round—the older ones who saw all of this innocent joy of the little ones could not but feel its warmth and the spirit of rejuvenescence, and deep down in their hearts feel also as did the bard who sang—

"Backward, turn backward, O Time, in thy flight, Make me a child again just for"—today.

About 1 o'clock through the park could be seen groups of picnickers, here and there, seated about feasts laid in the shade under the foliage of broad-spreading trees and partaking of the good things so appetizing and so welcome on such occasions. The lay of the land at Greenwood is of such a nature that one upon the high grounds can take in the whole park at a sweeping glance. This is what made the merry groups scattered about the grounds under the shade of the trees Tuesday make such a beautiful and entrancing scene.

Somewhere there is a little poem which tells of a singer and his song, intimating in the following couplet that—

"You may forget the singer, But you can't forget his song."

This can never be said of the maker and giver of Greenwood Park to his people—a park which is destined to be one of the most beautiful and well-appointed pleasure resorts for colored people in the United States.

Elder Taylor in conversation with Dr. R. H. Boyd and the writer told of his plans to further beautify the grounds, bringing them up to date.